First Draft

EC450
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Directions

This should be a full version of your paper. Essentially, it is a rough draft. Complete the paper to the best of your ability. **No drafts will be accepted after class has begun**. Be sure to bring two copies of your paper: one to turn into me, and one to give to a peer for peer edits. We will spend the entire class period working on these edits. Your grading for the rough draft will mainly depend on fulfilling the listed requirements below. Missing a specific requirement can drop your grade up to 10%. The quality of the content will only make up a small portion of your grade for this assignment; however, much of my comments will be related to the content. Your revised version will be graded more heavily for content. So, be sure to pay attention to both my edits and your peer's edits.

> ℹ **Info:** Only attach previous work to the copy you will hand into me. Make sure you include the graded versions of the topic plus 12 sources, working notes, and outline paper clipped to your first draft.

> ℹ **Info:** Also, upload your paper under the tab "Turn in First Draft Here." This upload should happen by the required due date for the paper.

Requirements

- 7 or more academic sources, at least 5 of which must be economic journal articles.

- 2 news sources from reputable news organizations.

- 3 sources from books, academic journals, think thanks, etc.

- 2 original figures or tables

- At least one in-text citations from each of your sources (Paraphrase, don't quote).

  - Do not use block quotes, tables, figures, or charts that are not your original work unless absolutely necessary for the paper.
  - If you use them, make sure you cite them fully and properly.
  - Any quotes, tables, figures, or charts used will not count towards the length of your paper.

- MLA format throughout (see "MLA guidelines" in "Course Material" tab on Blackboard).

- Suggested page length 15-22 pages.

- All previous graded assignments should be attached with a paper clip. Your first draft should be stapled.

EC450 – First Draft Rubric

	Excellent (20 Points)	Good (15 Points)	Needs Improvement (10 Points)	Below Standard (0 Points)
Comprehension of Topic	Explanations are focused and clear.	Attempts made to show comprehension of topic	Paper addresses some aspects of topic, but not fully on target.	Paper is off topic.
MLA	MLA is used correctly throughout the assignment.	MLA is used with a few errors.	MLA is used with major errors.	MLA is not used.
Structure	There is a clear introduction, body, and conclusion. Thesis is clearly stated.	Thesis is there, but introduction, conclusion, or the body do not fully relate to the thesis.	Thesis is missing or not clearly stated	Missing introduction or conclusion.
Use of Sources	Sources are used in a thoughtful and relevant way.	Sources are used	Some sources are used but not cited correctly.	Sources are not used in text.
Length	Paper was between 15 and 22 pages.	Paper was slightly less or more than 15-22 pages.	Paper was over a page less or more than 15-22 pages.	Paper significantly less than or greater than 15-22 pages.